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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA, AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL, WITH FONOFF FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR ALVAREZ. FONOFF HAD LITTLE INFO BEYOND WHAT APPEARS IN PRESS BUT ALVAREZ STATED HE COULD ASSURE US HOAT GOU WOULD NOT MOVE TOWARDS ANY HASTY RECOGNITION OF MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. HE SAID HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH FONMIN BLANCO BUT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT GOU POSITION PARALLELED OURS.

2. ALVAREZ ASKED WHAT U.S. WAS DOING TO PREVENT THE COMMUNISTS FROM TAKING STILL ANOTHER COUNTRY. EMBOFF TOLD HUF WE WOULD NOT INTERVENE BUT THAT WE WERE ATTEMPTING AT LEAST TO PREVENT PREMATURE RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. ALVAREZ THEN WONDERED ALOUD WHAT GOU COULD DO TO HELP. EMBOFF EXPALINED HE WAS GOING BEYOND INSTRUCTIONS BUT NEVERTHELESS VENTURED TO SAY THAT GOU MIGHT BE ABLE, AT LEAST, TO HELP PESUADE SOME THIRD WORLD-LEANING LATIN AMERICAN STATES TO TAKE A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF GOU VIS-A-VIS RECOGNITION. ALVAREZ REPLIED THAT HE DOUBTED THAT URUGUAY WOULD HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON PERU OR PANAMA, FOR
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EXAMPLE, BUT THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE WHOLE ANGOLAN MATTER WITH

THE MINISTER.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING GOU MIGHT DO CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE ANGOLAN AFFAIR. SINCE ALVAREZ WAS SPEAKING BOT IIN CONFIDENCE AND OFF THE TOP OF THIS HEAD WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPARTMENT'S REACTION SENT ONLY TO US AND NOT RAISED WITH URUGUAYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

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